

# TA046

## 800 MHz ±30 V Differential Probe

## User's Manual

This probe complies with IEC-1010.1, IEC-1010.2-031 CAT I, Pollution Degree 2.

## 1. Safety terms and symbols

Terms appearing in this manual:

$\triangle$	WARNING	Warning statements identify conditions or practices that could result in injury or death.
$\triangle$	CAUTION	Caution statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to this product or other property.

Symbols appearing on the product:



Danger High Voltage



Protective (Earth) Terminal



Attention Refer to Manual



### 2. General safety summary

Please review the following safety precautions to avoid injury and prevent damage to this probe or any products that are connected to it.

#### Observe maximum working voltage

To avoid any injury, do not use the probe above 40 V between each input lead and earth or between the two inputs..

#### Do not operate without covers

To avoid electric shock or fire hazard, do not operate this probe with the covers removed.

#### Do not operate in wet or damp conditions

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#### Do not operate in explosive atmosphere

To avoid injury or fire hazard, do not operate this probe in an explosive atmosphere.

#### Avoid exposed circuitry

To avoid injury, remove jewelry such as rings, watches and other metallic objects. Do not touch exposed connections and components when power is present.

#### Use proper power source

To ensure proper functioning of this probe, use the 15 V DC / 100 mA regulated mains adaptor. Do not operate this probe from a power source that applies more than the voltage specified.

#### Do not operate the probe if it is damaged

If you suspect there is damage to this probe, have it inspected by qualified service personnel.



## 3. Description

With high bandwidth and high CMRR, this differential probe is ideal for timing analysis, troubleshooting ground bounce problems in high-speed logic, and design verification of disk drives, as well as for wireless and data communications design.

### 4. Installation

- a. Simply plug in the BNC output connector to the vertical input of a general-purpose oscilloscope.
- b. Connect the AC mains adaptor to the correct line voltage, and then connect its output to the power terminal of the differential probe.
- c. Adjust the vertical offset (or position) of the oscilloscope.





### 5. Appearance

The differential probe looks like this:



- 1. Input Pins. The input pins of the differential probe can be connected directly to the circuit under test or connected to optional accessories that come with the probe.
- 2. Output Lead. The BNC output connector.
- 3. Power Plug. The terminal connects to the 15 V DC / 100 mA regulated mains adaptor.



## 6. SMD micro test accessories



Descriptions	Quantity
MicroFlex Pincer, Black	1
MicroFlex Pincer, Red	1
Micro Test Clip, Black	1
Micro Test Clip, Red	1
MicroLead, 0.8 mm J-P, 5 cm, Black	1
MicroLead, 0.8 mm J-P, 5 cm, Red	1
MicroLead, 0.8 mm J-P, 10 cm Black	1
MicroLead, 0.8 mm J-P, 10 cm Red	1
Twin Pin, 16.8 mm	2
Twin Pin, 12.8 mm	2
Test Tip, 0.8 mm	6



## 7. Specifications

Bandwidth	DC to 800 MHz (Twin Pin configuration)			
Accuracy	±2%			
Input impedance	100 kΩ    2 pF			
Attenuation	1/10			
Input voltage				
- Max. differential	±15 V			
- Max. common mode	±30 V			
- Absolute max. voltage	±40 V			
Output voltage				
- Swing (into 50 Ω load)	±1.5 V			
- Offset (typical)	< ±5 mV			
Output impedance(typical)	50 Ω			
CMRR (typical)	60 dB @ 60 Hz; 15 dB @ 500 MHz			
Output BNC cable length	1.2 m			
Power requirements	15 V DC / 100 mA regulated mains adaptor			
Ambient operating temperature	-10 to +40 °C			
Ambient storage temperature	-30 to +70 °C			
Ambient operating humidity	25 to 85% RH			
Ambient storage humidity	25 to 85% RH			
Weight	130 g			
Dimensions (LxWxH)	111 mm x 22 mm x 14 mm			



## 8. Derating curve



The derating curve for absolute maximum input voltage is as follows:

## 9. Test procedure

- a. Connect the BNC output connector to the vertical input of a general-purpose oscilloscope.
- b. Connect the AC mains adapter.
- c. Set the oscilloscope input coupling to DC and 0.5 V/div. Center the trace on the display.
- d. Connect the input pins of the probe to a function generator and select a square-wave output with 10 V p-p amplitude and 100 kHz frequency.
- e. A 100 kHz square-wave of 1 V p-p amplitude will be displayed on the screen of the oscilloscope. This means the probe is working properly.

## 10. Cleaning

Use a soft cloth to clean the probe, taking care not to cause damage.

- a. Do not immerse the probe.
- b. Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- c. Do not use chemicals contains benzene or similar solvents.



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